

## REDS TO CANCEL CONTRACTS WITH U. S. AS REPRISAL

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MOSCOW, Dec. 28.—George Tchitcherin, Russian soviet commissary for foreign affairs, has just granted me an exclusive interview for the International News Service regarding the decision of the United States government to deport Ludwig C. A. K. K. Martens, soviet representative in New York.

"The decision of the United States government to deport the soviet representative, especially in view of the motivation of that decision, namely, that Mr. Martens, being an agent of the soviet government, belongs to an organization seeking by force and violence to overthrow the United States government, seems to be the product of an incomprehensible, panicky state of mind which will appear to impartial observers as a puzzling psychological curiosity.

"It would be unkind toward America to believe that the decision represents the opinion of the American people, especially of the American working men, who have given so many proofs of their sympathy toward soviet Russia.

"We also refuse to believe that it represents the viewpoint of American business interests, whose many negotiations with us demonstrate their great desire to re-establish relations with Russia.

"However, the decision to deport our representative precludes the possibility of any and all business with America for the time being.

"We have instructed our representative to cancel all pending deals until a reversal of the United States decision makes business possible.

"If she must get along without America's cooperation in her economic reconstruction which needs immense amounts of materials, Russia shall do so, and it is only fair to say that with peace and the facilitation of our forces and economic efforts together with the readiness of Europe to utilize the Russian market, we shall be less hurt by this incomprehensible attitude of America than America will hurt herself.

"We shall not improve ourselves where we are not wanted.

"We have instructed our representative to return immediately with his staff."

## SOLDIER BONUS WOULD COST U. S. \$2,300,000,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Passage of the soldier bonus bill would cost the government approximately \$2,300,000,000, Secretary Houston estimated before the senate finance committee, considering the soldiers' aid measure.

The treasury secretary declared enactment of the bill meant an added burden in the way of taxes, reiterating a statement made before the committee last week, that the treasury could not be called upon to assume any additional burdens.

While Mr. Houston said it was impossible to compute accurately the exact cost of enactment of the four optional plans, he believed the estimate submitted was substantially correct. Provisions of the bill contain so many uncertainties, he added, that the cost figured by them could only be guessed at.

Assuming that all of the men would select one of the four optional plans, Mr. Houston estimated the cost of each as follows:

Adjusted service pay, \$1,342,000,000.  
Insurance provisions, \$4,534,000,000.  
Vocational training, \$1,880,000,000.  
Farm and home development, \$1,880,000,000.

As the plans were optional, the secretary said, the choice of the men would not be confined to any one of them, and allowing for the various selections he arrived at his total estimate of \$2,300,000,000.

### Secretary Puzzled.

The treasury secretary professed to be at a loss as to methods of obtaining revenue to meet the outlay that would be required if the bill were enacted. He called the committee's attention to the suggestions for new taxes contained in his annual report, but explained that these were mentioned only for the information of congress and without any sort of recommendations.

He did not attempt to discuss the various tax suggestions, adding the committee to hear Dr. T. S. Adams, treasury economist and tax expert, who gave a comprehensive resume of the tax situation, referring frequently to Secretary Houston's discussion of the question in his annual report. He declared the treasury was daily seeing new evidence of a further drying up of revenue sources, adding that the task of computing tax receipts was to that extent becoming more difficult.

In addition to the difficulties thus confronting the treasury, Dr. Adams declared the internal revenue bureau faced another problem in keeping experts on the job. He said the men who were capable did not stay long.

Senator Snoot, Republican, Utah, said the real danger is that these men get training in the revenue bureau, then go out and help big firms evade tax payments.

Dr. Adams said that might be true to some extent, but that he knew of one man who left the bureau a year ago, whose resignation cost the government millions of dollars in uncollected taxes for he was an executive with an expert knowledge of the work.

The witness said this was typical of the "labor turnover" and that it directly affected the tax collections and would continue to have a more direct effect on such collections unless tax laws were simplified.

Senator Snoot said all these difficulties could be avoided if revenue law which "the average man can understand" were passed by congress.

The committee adjourned without setting a date for further hearings.

### "CHARACTER ANALYSIS."

"Character Analysis" is the subject of a lecture to be given at the Court Avenue Presbyterian church Tuesday evening at 8:15. Professor B. L. Flower, who has a wide reputation as a memory and character expert is also conducting classes at the Chicago hotel for those interested in taking up the study of this work.

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## MINISTER DEPLORES GERMAN CONDITION

Says Hun Interests Being Sacrificed by Allies.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—Complaints that Germany's foreign position is "continually becoming worse as the Versailles treaty is carried increasingly into effect" is made by Dr. Walter Simons, the German foreign minister, in a signed article appearing in the Frankfurter Zeitung.

"Not a week passes," he says, "without our former opponents addressing demands we can fulfill only by sacrificing important German interests."

## AUTO ACCIDENT FATAL TO YOUTH

Held Yellow Cab Driver for Manslaughter Following Student's Death.

Manslaughter was the charge placed Tuesday against Martin Eastman, taxi driver, following the death Monday night of Perkins Burke, aged 19, who was struck Saturday by an auto while crossing a street.

Burke made bond and will appear before city court Wednesday afternoon.

Burke, who was a student at Central high school, was hit by the auto Saturday night in front of the hospital. His injuries first were thought to be slight. Conveyed to his home, 801 Madison, Burke suffered but little until Monday night when he was removed to Baptist Memorial hospital for an operation.

His injuries, it developed, were about the head. Death came shortly after midnight.

Eastman told police that the accident was unavoidable. He said that he was driving slowly and that Burke stepped in front of his machine. Eastman is employed by the Yellow Cab company.

J. W. Norris & Co. took charge of the body. No funeral arrangements had been made Tuesday. Burke is survived by his mother, Mrs. Rosa Burke, four brothers and two sisters.

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## "TROUBLE" AHEAD FOR U. S., FAMED SEERESS DECLARES

BY NEWTON C. PARKE.  
(International News Service Staff Correspondent.)

PARIS, Dec. 28.—President-elect Warren G. Harding, of the United States, is going to encounter great difficulties in applying his policies, according to Mme. Teleno, foremost prophetic of Europe, whose predictions for 1921 have just been made public. She said that, according to the stars, Mr. Harding is going to find his authority obstructed at times.

Mme. Teleno succeeded Mme. Thebes as the best known woman astrologer in Europe. Her prophecies for the ensuing year always are a big feature of the New Year's season. The 1921 forecast in part follows:

"The situation of Mercury, which governs the United States, is in opposition to the moon and makes it necessary to prepare for difficulties from other nations. These difficulties probably will be occasioned by certain clauses of the peace treaty. Both political and labor troubles will occur. A new danger can be foreseen for President Wilson."

Mme. Teleno foretold a revolution in Italy toward the end of the year which may result in the creation of an Italian republic.

"The seeress warns the kings of Belgium and Spain, President Ebert of Germany, and a "high personage of Russia" against assassination and "personal dangers."

Mme. Teleno predicted that chances will occur in Russia resulting in Russia gaining an alliance with several other powers.

Wars are forecast in the Far East and earthquakes in the Balkans.

### HELD AS SLAYER.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 28.—A man whom local police believe to be G. H. Scott, alias George F. Hornsby, escaped murderer of J. N. Weatherly, of Brownsville, Tex., and for whose arrest a reward of \$4,000 is offered, was taken into custody here last night. Weatherly is said to have been robbed and murdered the night of Oct. 18.

## Illness Is Fatal To Aged Memphian

Mrs. Lucy Nelson McCall, aged 53 years, died at the residence of her nephew, T. B. Hatchett, 245 North Bellevue, Monday morning, following an illness of several months. Death was due to the debilities of age. She had been a resident of Memphis for only a year, coming here from Haywood county, where she had lived practically all of her life.

She is survived by her nephew, T. B. Hatchett; two brothers, W. A. and Henry B. Collier, and one sister, Mrs. R. C. Truss, of Stanton, Tenn. Funeral services will take place at the residence Tuesday. The body will be sent to Haywood county for burial. Hinton & Sons are in charge of arrangements.

## Says Fight Not On Movies, But Against Liberty Of Opinion

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Free moving picture shows and theatrical productions Sunday would meet no objection from the National Reform association. Rev. Wm. S. Fleming, district manager, announced here.

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## CAN LAND IN MEXICO.

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## Coal Costs High In Massachusetts

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Thousands of persons in Massachusetts are buying coal on a co-operative basis and many corporations are making purchases for their employees. State Fuel Administrator Hultman says, he said also that because of a market shortage, 500 residents of the town of Essex had been obliged to pay a price of \$22 and \$24 a ton.

Because many small dealers are unable to fill orders, Mr. Hultman said, consumers in many localities have formed clubs, buying in carload lots at the mines. Some manufacturers are re-selling coal at the cost at the mine with freight charges added.

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## FIRST CUT IN CRUDE OIL PRICE ANNOUNCED

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 28.—The first cut in the price of crude oil for more than three years was announced here when the principal purchasing agencies posted \$4 a barrel for the grade known as coming, a reduction of 25 cents a barrel. Caring for an Ohio oil. All other grades were posted unchanged.

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## Parisian Night Life Claims Another American Victim

(By International News Service.)  
PARIS, Dec. 28.—The gay life of Paris claimed another American victim when Mrs. Halley Peck, formerly of Louisville, Ky., died in the hospital of venereal poisoning.

Mrs. Peck, who was known also as Mrs. Peck Whitley, came to Paris at the beginning of the year. She had a divorce suit pending and her friends understood that she planned to go upon the stage after getting her divorce. She maintained a luxurious apartment and had plenty of money which enabled her to enjoy the gay night life of Paris.

In May she became ill and melancholy. She made several attempts at suicide while despondent, but her friends understood that she planned to go upon the stage after getting her divorce. She maintained a luxurious apartment and had plenty of money which enabled her to enjoy the gay night life of Paris.

The authorities said they had found no motive. They announced that a post mortem would be held later.

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